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PRODUCTION OF MICA
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of Mica produced in the country during the last three years and in the current year, till- date;

(b) the percentage of Mica exported during the said period; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (c): As per information with Indian Bureau of Mines(IBM) ,a SubordinateOffice of Ministry of Coal and Mines, Department of Mines, the production of mica during the last three years and the current year is given below:-

(Quantity in tonnes)

Item	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001	April to Aug., 2001
Production			(Provisional)	
Mica(Crude)	1484	1807	1111	451
Mica (Waste & Scrap)	1067	1579	1267	1122

+ Earlier estimated at 1273 tonnes for mica(crude) and 1039 tonnes for mica (waste and scrap)

Production estimates of mica are made by Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) on the basisof information furnished by reporting mines. However, mica is also recovered from secondary sources and tailings, details of which are not maintained. The statistics on export of mica include export of mica in all forms. Hence, it is not feasible to relate the percentage of mica exported and the total production of mica. However, as per the information maintained by the Director General of Commercial Intelligenceand Statistics(DGCIS), as reported by the IBM,the total foreign exchange earned from export of mica in 1998-99 is Rs.7019 Lakhs, in 1999-2000 Rs. 6354 Lakhs, and in 2000-2001 Rs. 8813 Lakhs. Figures relating to amount of foreign exchange earnedduring April to August, 2001 is not available.